



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Illinois Terminal, North Banquet Room, 4th floor – 45 East University Avenue, Champaign

Approved | Recording available at youtube.com/@RideMTD

Attendance

Board of Trustees

Present

Dick Barnes – Chair

Laura Bleill

Mark Brown

Phil Fiscella

George Friedman

Alan Nudo – Vice Chair

Sharif Ullah

Absent

Advisory Board

Present

Absent

Grayson Hodson

Jamie Singson

MTD Staff

Karl Gnadt (Managing Director), Amy Snyder (Deputy Managing Director), Katie Good (Executive Assistant and Clerk), Ashlee McLaughlin (External Affairs Director), Jacinda Crawmer (Human Resources Director), Michelle Wright (Finance Director), Ryan Blackman (Technology Services Director), Josh Berbaum (Maintenance & Facilities Director), and Brendan Sennett (Safety & Training Director)

Others Present

Kyra Abrams

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present (7)-Barnes, Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah

Absent (0)

The Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Hearing on General Tax Levy Ordinance for FY2026

Mr. Barnes asked for public input on the General Tax Levy Ordinance of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District for revenue year 2025 to be paid in calendar year 2026. Notice of the proposed Tax Increase for the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District appeared in a black bordered notice in *The News-Gazette* on December 2, 2025, and the proposed tax levy was posted on the District's website, MTD.org, under Financial Documents for public review on December 3, 2025.

As there were no public comments, Mr. Barnes closed the Public Hearing.

5. Audience Participation

None

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting (Open Session) – October 29, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the open session minutes of the October 29, 2025, MTD Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Friedman. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED.

7. Communications

Email from Mark Ballard, Humane Society Board Member, requesting bus stop at Kearns Drive and Staley Road.

8. FY2025 MTD Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly US, LLP

Jodi Dobson, CPA, Principal at Baker Tilly US, LLP, joined the board meeting virtually. Ms. Dobson summarized MTD's Fiscal Year 2025 audit beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. The District was in compliance for both the financial audit for FY2025 as well as the Major Federal Program (single) audit for FY2025. Ms. Dobson noted upcoming changes to reporting requirements with GASB 103 and 104. Ms. Dobson closed with a statement thanking the Finance team for their help during this year's audit.

9. Reports

A. Managing Director

Mr. Gnadt reviewed statistics for October 2025. October 2025 ridership was up 8.03% from October 2024. Year to date ridership for October 2025 was up 6.22% compared to October 2024.

October 2025 operating revenue was 1.2% above October 2024. Year-to-date operating revenue was 1.90% below FY2025. Mr. Gnadt noted this is due to lowering interest rates on investment income. Monthly operating expenses were up 6.2% from FY2025. Year-to-date operating expenses were up 3.2% from FY2025. October 2025 operating revenue was \$720,092 above budget and operating expenses were \$1,788,470 below budget.

It was noted that October is MTD's highest ridership month each year due to the absence of holidays.

B. Merch Store Presentation

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Nick Talan, Lead Marketing Specialist, to provide a presentation on MTD's Merch Store which launched on November 14, 2025. Mr. Talan provided an overview of the Shopify platform and items offered. The Merch Store showcases three collections, the Signature Collection, the EKAH collection, and the MTD Time Machine Collection, along with a "Freebies" section which offers free digital downloads.

10. Action Items

A. Ordinance 2025-6 – General Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026 (Revenue Year 2025)

MOTION by Mr. Friedman to approve Ordinance 2025-6; seconded by Mr. Fiscella.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

B. Update to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy

Mr. Gnadt was joined by Brendan Sennett, Safety & Training Director, to discuss the update to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy. Mr. Sennett noted the Shy Bladder and Shy Lung sections were updated to improve clarity.

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to approve the Update to the Safety Sensitive Drug & Alcohol Policy; seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Roll Call:

Aye (7)– Bleill, Brown, Fiscella, Friedman, Nudo, Ullah, Barnes

Nay (0)

Abstain (0)

The MOTION CARRIED

11. Next Meeting

Annexation Public Hearing - Tuesday, December 16th, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – at Urbana Walmart Bus Stop 0127, Tatman Drive, Urbana

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 3:00 p.m. - at Illinois Terminal, 45 East University Ave, Champaign.

12. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Fiscella to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Friedman.

Mr. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



Clerk

Approved: 01/28/26



Board of Trustees, Chair